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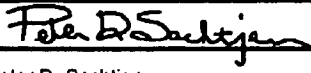
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	Art Unit	3611	
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Application Number	10/624,323
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First Named Inventor	WILLIAMS, T
Examiner Name	ROYAL, P.
Art Unit	3611
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
12	- 20 or HP = 0	x	= 0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

<b>Indep. Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
4	- 3 or HP = 1	x	= 100.00

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Art Unit: 3611  
Examiner: Royal, P.  
Docket No.: P-6185-04-03  
Last Action: September 23, 2004  
Customer No. 23983

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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Office Action of September 23, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Amend the Specification as set forth in the attached Specification Status.

In the Claims:

Amend the claims as set forth in the attached Claims Status.